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| Serial No.: 10/056,433                               | ) | documents referred to as enclosed therewith |                    |
| Title: Nestable Food Storage Lids and Container Base | ) | are being deposited with the United States  |                    |
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the information identified on the enclosed Form PTO 1449 is disclosed to the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above identified patent application. Copies of the documents listed on the Form PTO 1449 are enclosed herewith.

As best currently understood, the French Turnwald publication 2 024 946 discloses containers and lids configured such that the lid can be placed beneath the container in one orientation and on top of the container in another orientation. No English language abstract or equivalent has been located.


This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits and, consequently, should be considered by the Patent Office without payment of a fee. See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Furthermore, each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first

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However, if any additional fee is required for the consideration of this information, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 13 2855. A copy of this paper is enclosed herewith.

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